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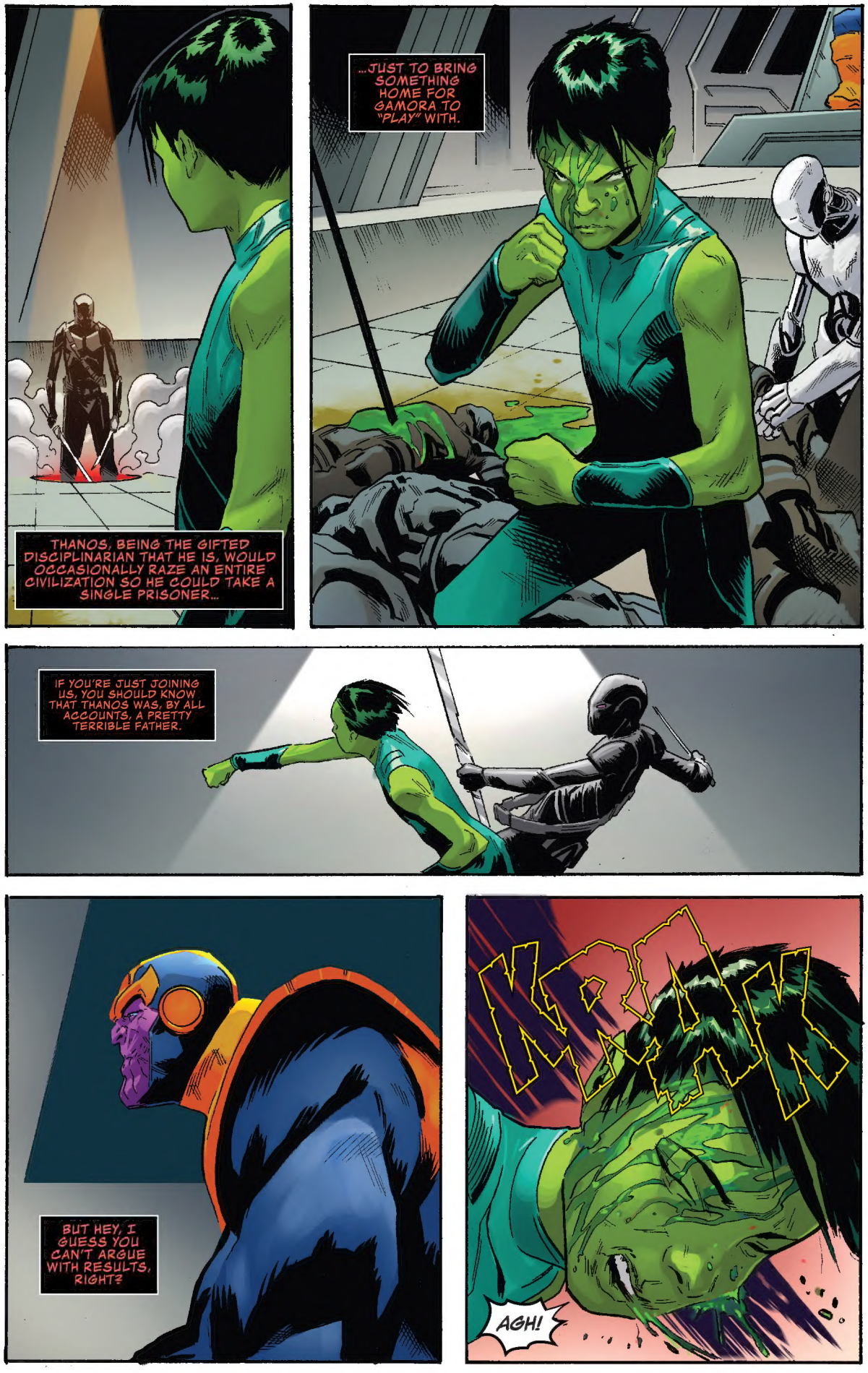
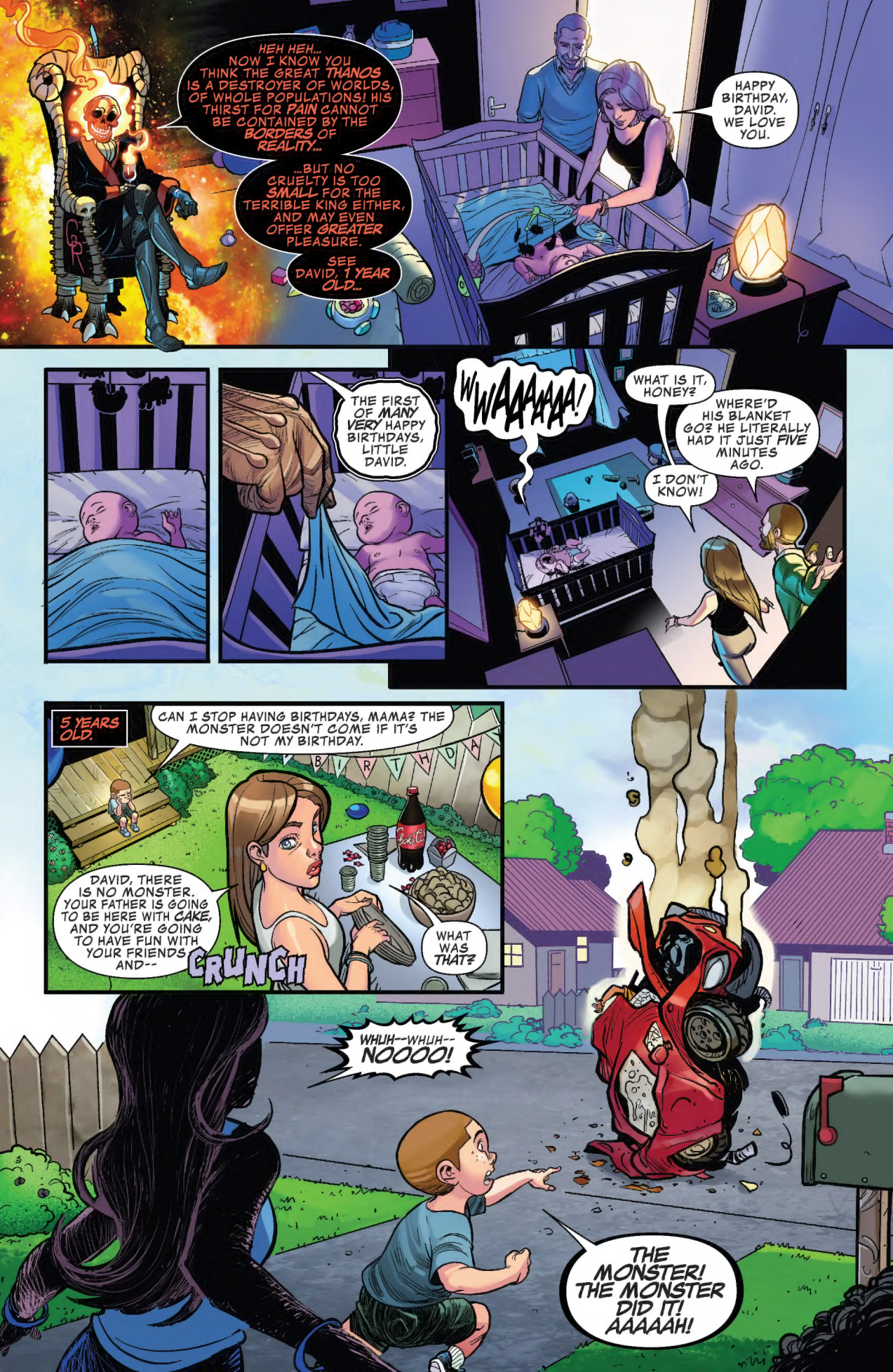
HEY THERE. NAME'S FRANK. MOST FOLKS CALL ME THE RIDER THESE DAYS.
WELL, THESE DAYS I'M DEAD, BUT YOU GET IT.
I MEAN, I'VE DIED A WHOLE BUNCH, BUT THIS LAST TIME STUCK, I GUESS. GOT SMASHED TO BITS BY SILVER SURFER CARTIN' AROUND THOR'S HAMMER. EXCITING STUFF.
SO NOW I'M HERE. AT REST. AT PEACE.
ONLY...I AIN'T FEELIN' TOO PEACEFUL. I CAN STILL...FEEL HIM. CAN STILL SEE ALL THE HORRIBLE THINGS HE DID CRAWLIN' OVER ME LIKE BUGS IN MY SKIN.
THANOS, I MEAN.
SEE, HE USED TO MAKE ME GIVE HIM THE OL' PENANCE STARE EVERY SINGLE MORNING. USED TO LOVE BATHIN' IN ALL THE CRUMMY THINGS HE'D DONE.
HEH... ACTUALLY, THAT REMINDS ME OF A JOKE I USED TO TELL TO...
WELL, I ONLY EVER TOLD IT TO MYSELF AND SOME LIZARDS, BUT, YEAH. GOES LIKE THIS:
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FAIRY TALE AND A THANOS STORY?
A FAIRY TALE BEGINS WITH "ONCE UPON A TIME..."
BUT THANOS STORIES...WELL, THEY BEGIN WITH "MAN...
"...YOU AIN'T NEVER GONNA BELIEVE THIS @#$%!"

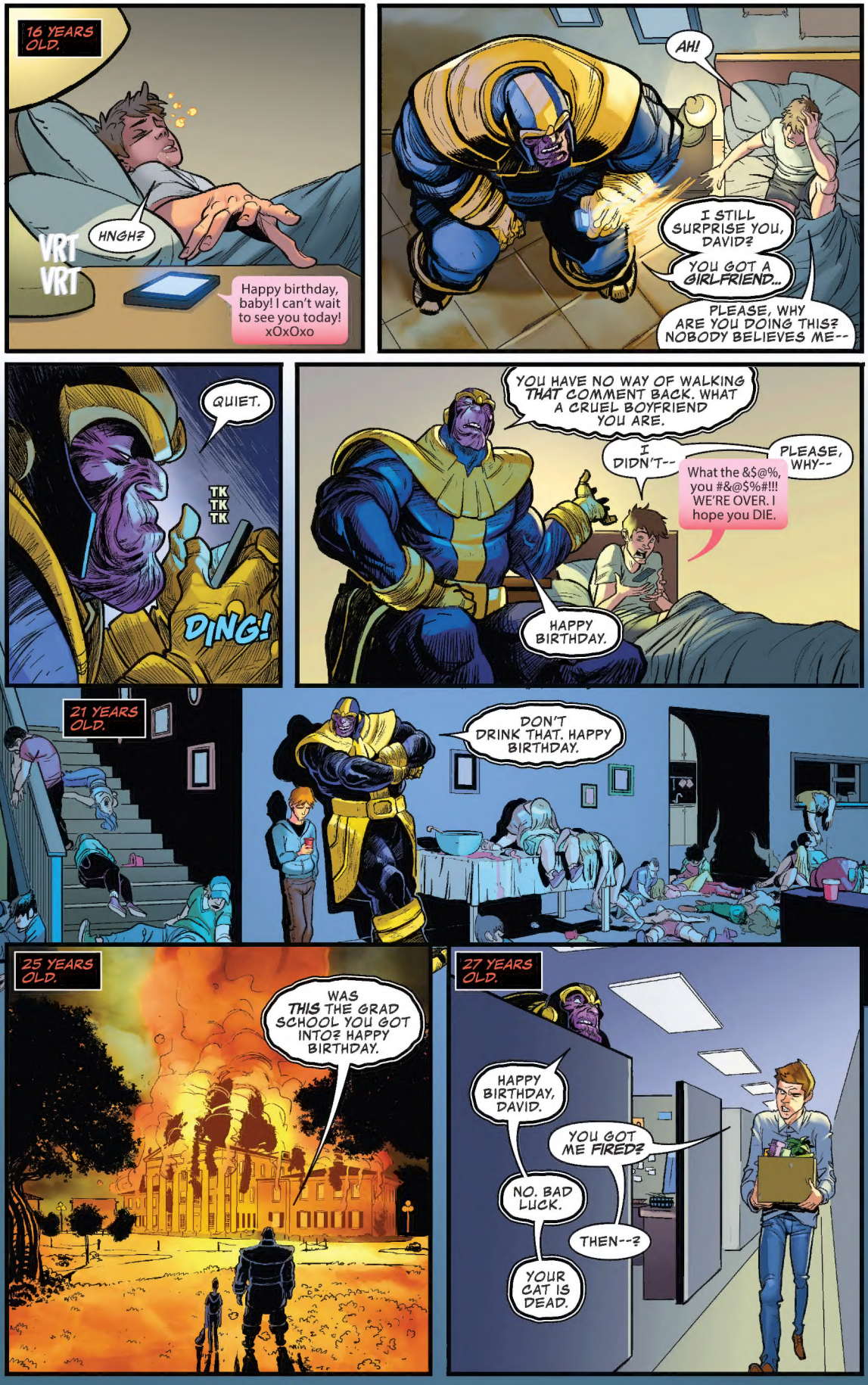
THIS ONE IS PRETTY ROUGH.
IT TAKES PLACE A LONG, LONG TIME AGO...
SEE, THANOS USED TO HOLD THESE LITTLE MAKESHIFT FIGHTING TOURNAMENTS ON HIS SHIP, THE SANCTUARY II.
AND NO, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO SANCTUARY I. GO ASK HIM.
THEY WERE MORE OR LESS BLOOD SPORT DISGUISED AS TRAINING EXERCISES...
...A MURDER PIT FOR A CLASSROOM...
...FOR HIS DAUGHTER. GAMORA.
MAY I BE DONE YET, "FATHER"?
NO.
ANOTHER.

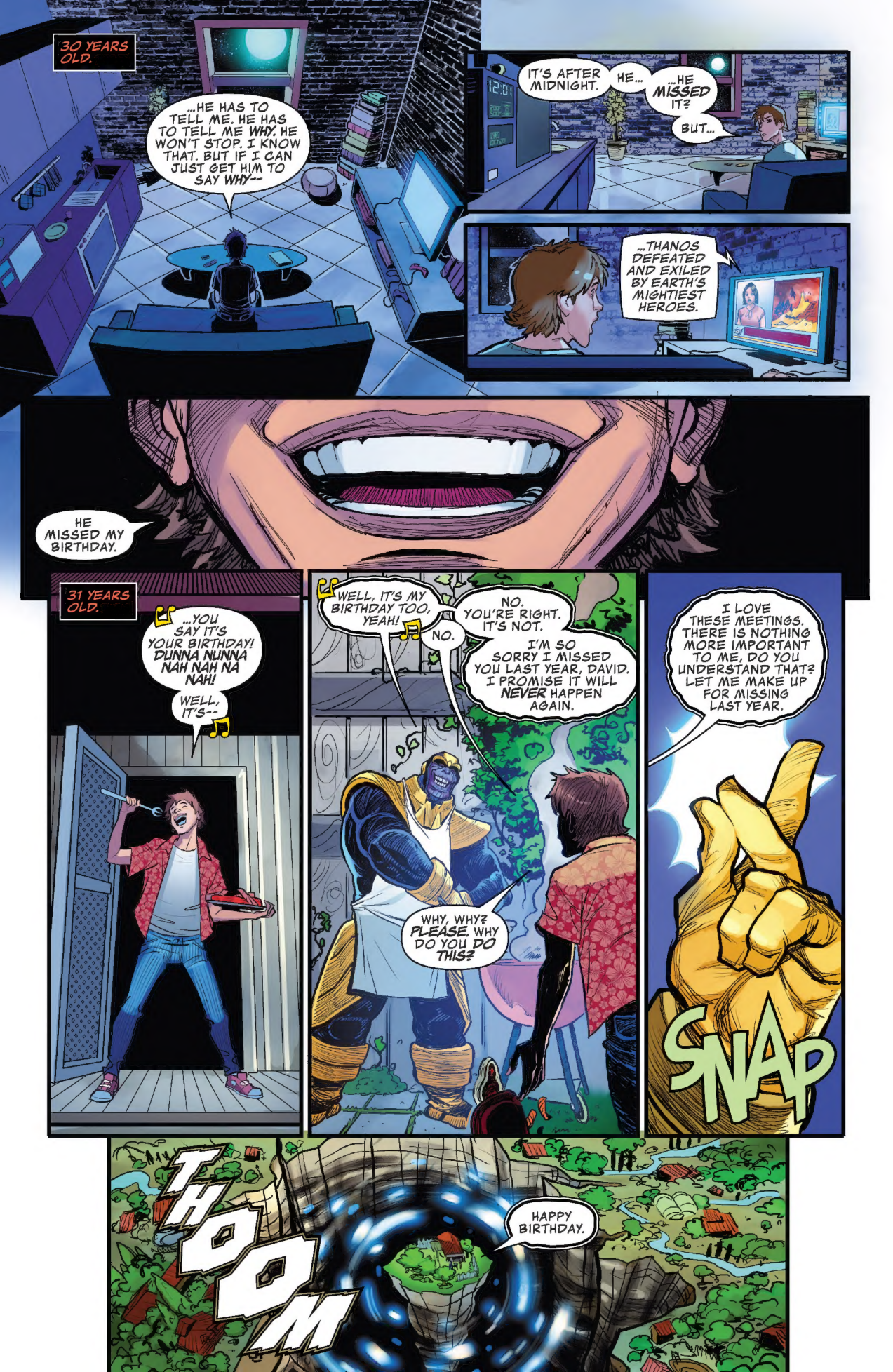

THANOS, BEING THE GIFTED DISCIPLINARIAN THAT HE IS, WOULD OCCASIONALLY RAZE AN ENTIRE CIVILIZATION SO HE COULD TAKE A SINGLE PRISONER...
...JUST TO BRING SOMETHING HOME FOR GAMORA TO "PLAY" WITH.
IF YOU'RE JUST JOINING US, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THANOS WAS, BY ALL ACCOUNTS, A PRETTY TERRIBLE FATHER.
BUT HEY, I GUESS YOU CAN'T ARGUE WITH RESULTS, RIGHT?
KRAK
AGH!

GAMORA WOULD EVENTUALLY BECOME THE DEADLIEST WOMAN IN THE GALAXY.
AND YOU DON'T EARN THAT TITLE WITH CLEAN HANDS.
OR A WEAK STOMACH.
THANOS... PLEASE...PLEASE STOP THIS! MERCY!
CRUEL THOUGH HE MAY VERY WELL HAVE BEEN...
YOU ARE NOT HERE FOR MERCY.
FINISH IT.
...THANOS TAUGHT HIS DAUGHTER TO FACE DEATH THAT DAY.

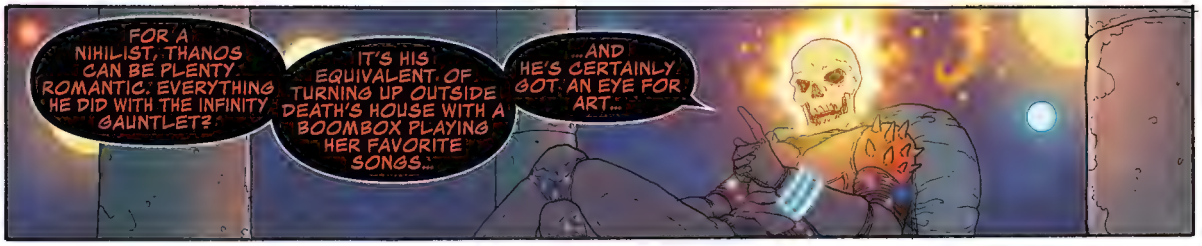
TO EMBRACE HER END.
TO LOOK DEATH IN THE EYE.
AND TO MEET HER GAZE, UNBLINKING AND UNAFRAID.
MAY I BE DONE NOW, "FATHER"?
NO.
ANOTHER.
PRETTY @#$%&# UP, YEAH?
WELL, HOLD ON THERE, KIDDIES. I'M JUST GETTIN' STARTED...


HEH HEH... NOW I KNOW YOU THINK THE GREAT THANOS IS A DESTROYER OF WORLDS, OF WHOLE POPULATIONS! HIS THIRST FOR PAIN CANNOT BE CONTAINED BY THE BORDERS OF REALITY...
...BUT NO CRUELTY IS TOO SMALL FOR THE TERRIBLE KING EITHER, AND MAY EVEN OFFER GREATER PLEASURE.
SEE DAVID, 1 YEAR OLD...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DAVID. WE LOVE YOU.
THE FIRST OF MANY VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAYS, LITTLE DAVID.
WWAAAAAA!
WHAT IS IT, HONEY?
WHERE'D HIS BLANKET GO? HE LITERALLY HAD IT JUST FIVE MINUTES AGO.
I DON'T KNOW!
5 YEARS OLD.
CAN I STOP HAVING BIRTHDAYS, MAMA? THE MONSTER DOESN'T COME IF IT'S NOT MY BIRTHDAY.
DAVID, THERE IS NO MONSTER. YOUR FATHER IS GOING TO BE HERE WITH CAKE, AND YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND--
CRUNCH
WHAT WAS THAT?
WHUH--WHUH-- NOOOO!
THE MONSTER! THE MONSTER DID IT! AAAAAH!


16 YEARS OLD.
VRT
VRT
HNGH?
Happy birthday, baby! I can't wait to see you today! xOxOxo
AH!
I STILL SURPRISE YOU, DAVID?
YOU GOT A GIRLFRIEND...
PLEASE, WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? NOBODY BELIEVES ME--
QUIET.
TK
TK
TK
DING!
YOU HAVE NO WAY OF WALKING THAT COMMENT BACK. WHAT A CRUEL BOYFRIEND YOU ARE.
I DIDN'T--
What the &$@%, you #&@$%#!!! WE'RE OVER. I hope you DIE.
PLEASE, WHY--
HAPPY BIRTHDAY.
21 YEARS OLD.
DON'T DRINK THAT. HAPPY BIRTHDAY.
25 YEARS OLD.
WAS THIS THE GRAD SCHOOL YOU GOT INTO? HAPPY BIRTHDAY.
27 YEARS OLD.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DAVID.
YOU GOT ME FIRED?
NO. BAD LUCK.
THEN--?
YOUR CAT IS DEAD.

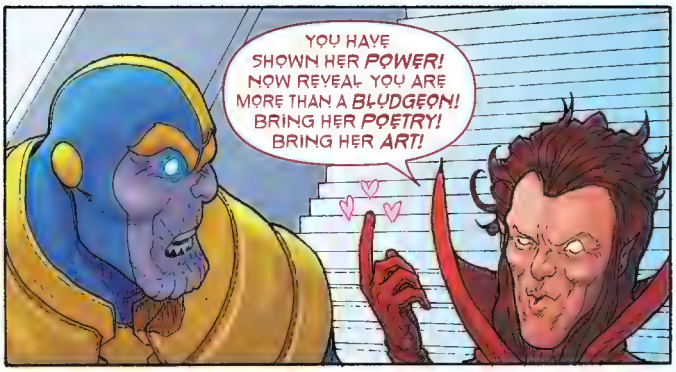

30 YEARS OLD.
...HE HAS TO TELL ME. HE HAS TO TELL ME WHY. HE WON'T STOP. I KNOW THAT. BUT IF I CAN JUST GET HIM TO SAY WHY--
IT'S AFTER MIDNIGHT.
HE...
...HE MISSED IT?
BUT...
...THANOS DEFEATED AND EXILED BY EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES.
HE MISSED MY BIRTHDAY.
31 YEARS OLD.
...YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY! DUNNA NUNNA NAH NAH NA NAH!
WELL, IT'S--
WELL, IT'S MY BIRTHDAY TOO, YEAH!
NO.
NO. YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S NOT.
I'M SO SORRY I MISSED YOU LAST YEAR, DAVID. I PROMISE IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.
WHY, WHY? PLEASE. WHY DO YOU DO THIS?
I LOVE THESE MEETINGS. THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT TO ME, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT? LET ME MAKE UP FOR MISSING LAST YEAR.
SNAP
THOOM
HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

45 YEARS OLD.
DAVID. HAPPY BIRTHDAY... UGH.
NOT A LOT TO WORK WITH ANYMORE, IS THERE?
THANOS.
YOU'VE TORMENTED ME FOR EVERY YEAR OF MY LIFE, AND FOR A LONG TIME, ALL I WANTED TO KNOW WAS WHY.
MHM.
BUT LATELY, I'VE STARTED TO THINK, WHY DO YOU THINK I'LL KEEP STICKING AROUND FOR ALL OF THIS?
WHY DON'T I JUST KILL MYSELF? RIGHT? THAT'S WHY. YOU WANT TO SEE HOW FAR YOU CAN PUSH A PERSON. I KNOW WHAT YOU DO THE REST OF THE YEAR. YOU CONQUER PLANETS AND YOU KILL SUPER HEROES!
BUT EVERY YEAR YOU COME BACK TO ME.
SO I'M GOING TO TELL YOU WHY I HANG ON. WHY I KEEP LIVING, DESPITE EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE TO ME, TO THE PEOPLE I LOVE.
I WAKE UP EVERY DAY AND
AGH
NO, DAVID. I DON'T CARE.
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.

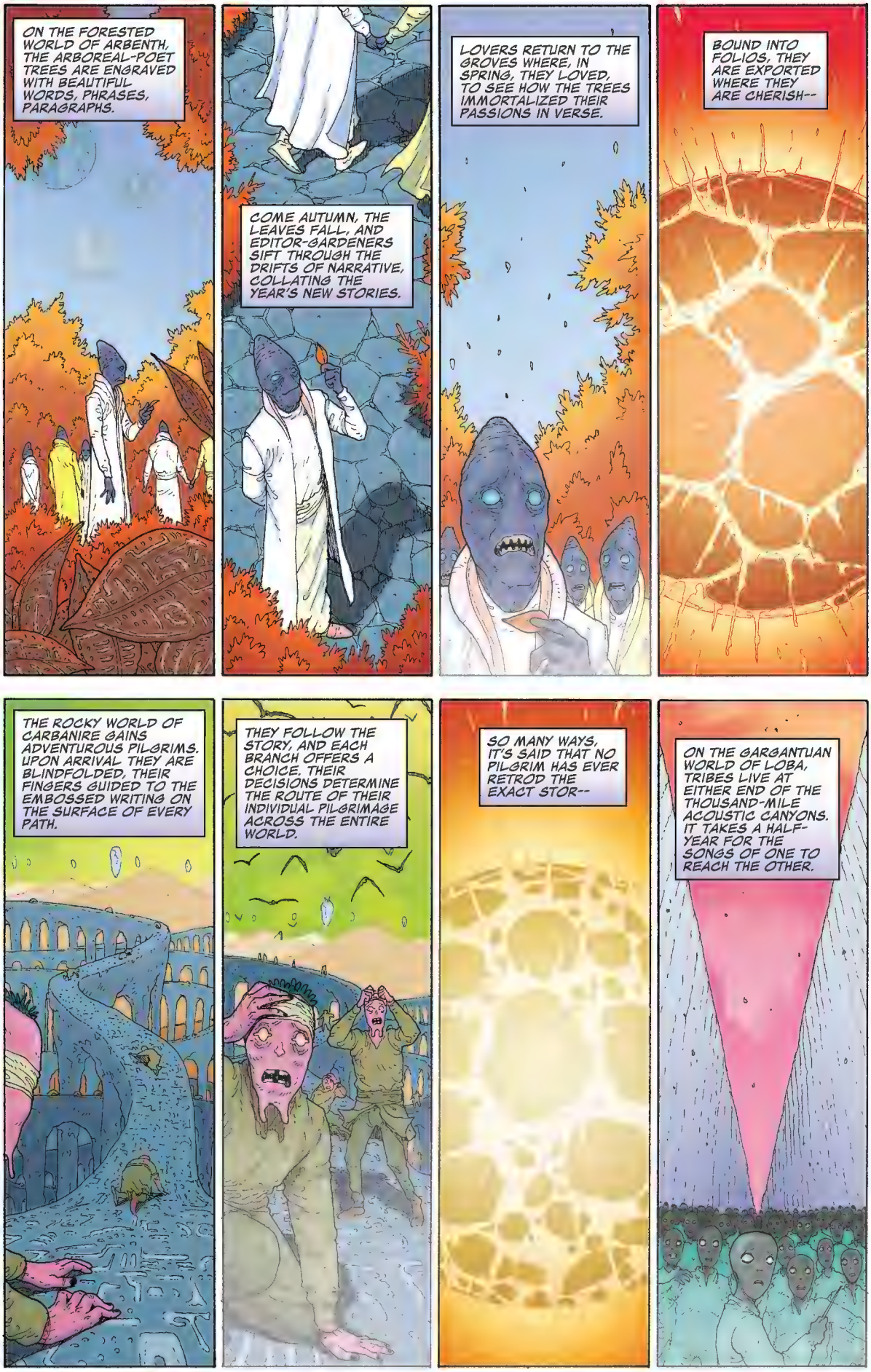

FOR A NIHILIST, THANOS CAN BE PLENTY ROMANTIC. EVERYTHING HE DID WITH THE INFINITY GAUNTLET?
IT'S HIS EQUIVALENT OF TURNING UP OUTSIDE DEATH'S HOUSE WITH A BOOMBOX PLAYING HER FAVORITE SONGS...
...AND HE'S CERTAINLY GOT AN EYE FOR ART...

WHAT MORE CAN I DO?!

I BURN FOR YOU! I SET THE UNIVERSE ABLAZE TO WARM YOUR FREEZING HEART!
HALF OF ALL THAT LIVES IS DEAD, AND STILL NOTHING! YOUR LOVE IS HELL!
LORD THANOS! DEATH IS A WOMAN! YOU MUST WOO HER! THEN THE SUN OF LOVE WILL DAWN UPON THOSE FRIGID LANDS!


YOU HAVE SHOWN HER POWER! NOW REVEAL YOU ARE MORE THAN A BLUDGEON! BRING HER POETRY! BRING HER ART!

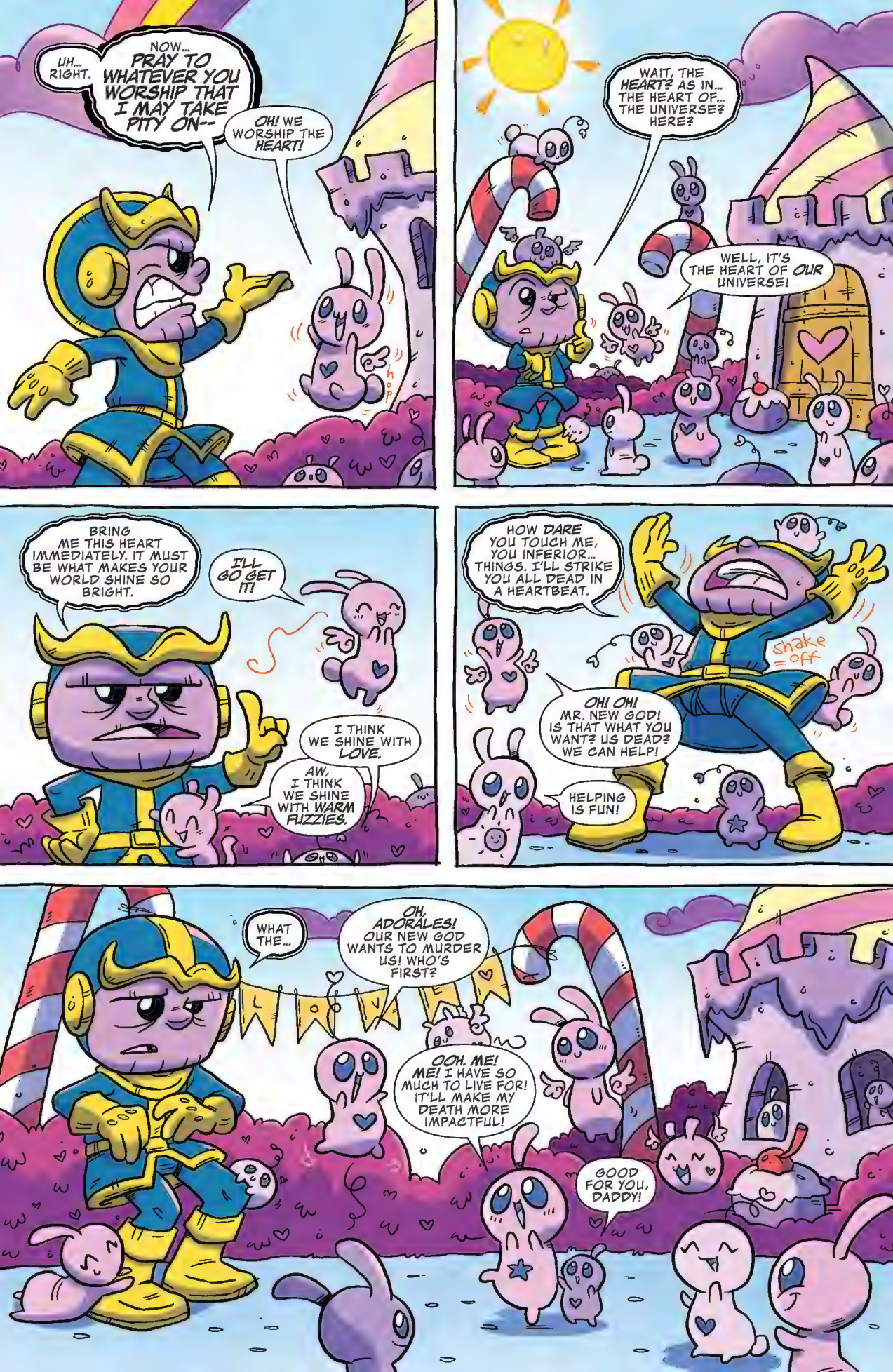
HMM. PERHAPS.
I WILL SHOW FAIR DEATH ART AS ONLY THANOS CAN...

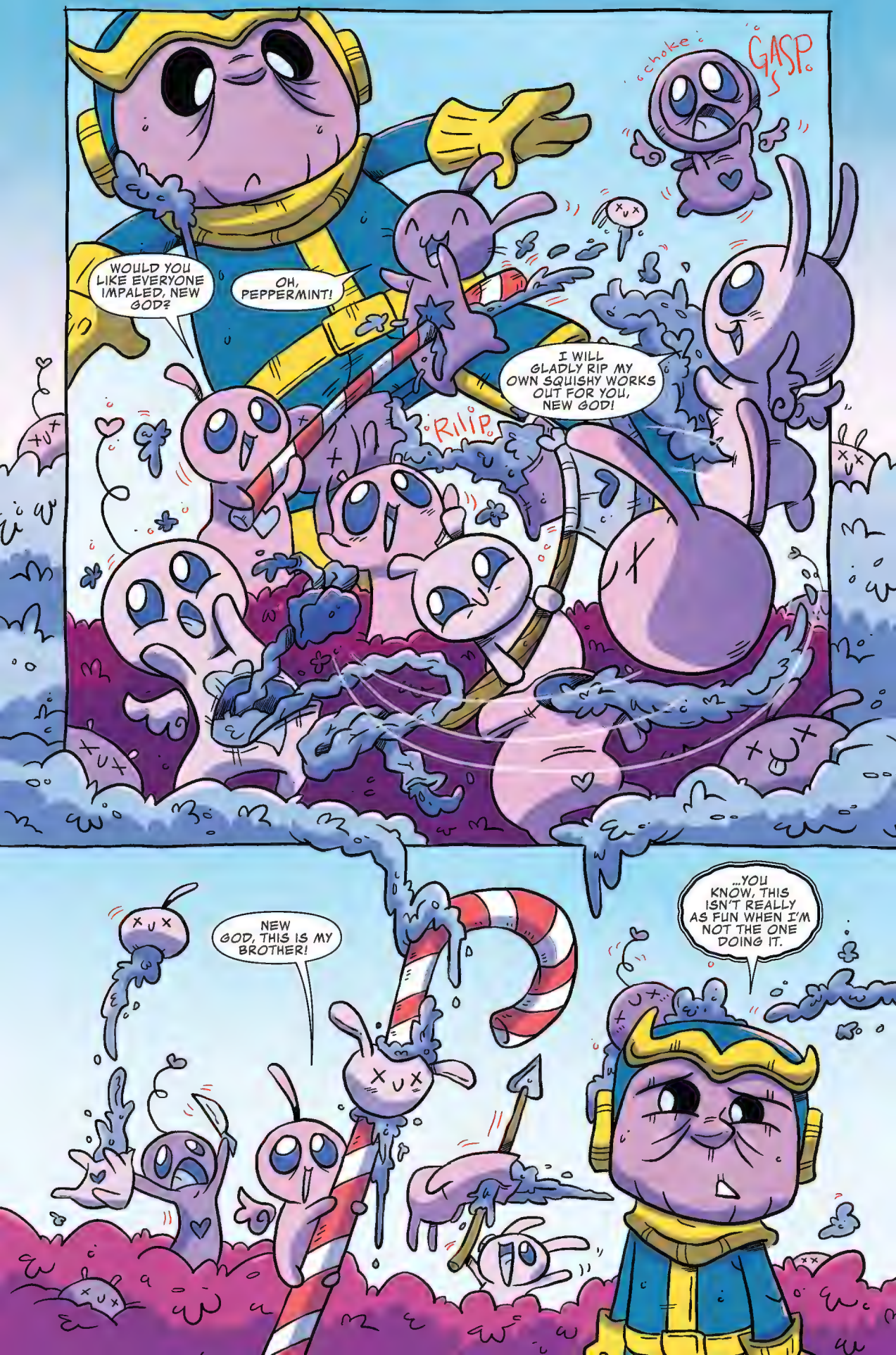

ON THE FORESTED WORLD OF ARBENTH, THE ARBOREAL-POET TREES ARE ENGRAVED WITH BEAUTIFUL WORDS, PHRASES, PARAGRAPHS.
COME AUTUMN, THE LEAVES FALL, AND EDITOR-GARDENERS SIFT THROUGH THE DRIFTS OF NARRATIVE, COLLATING THE YEAR'S NEW STORIES.
LOVERS RETURN TO THE GROVES WHERE, IN SPRING, THEY LOVED, TO SEE HOW THE TREES IMMORTALIZED THEIR PASSIONS IN VERSE.
BOUND INTO FOLIOS, THEY ARE EXPORTED WHERE THEY ARE CHERISH--
THE ROCKY WORLD OF CARBANIRE GAINS ADVENTUROUS PILGRIMS. UPON ARRIVAL THEY ARE BLINDFOLDED, THEIR FINGERS GUIDED TO THE EMBOSSED WRITING ON THE SURFACE OF EVERY PATH.
THEY FOLLOW THE STORY, AND EACH BRANCH OFFERS A CHOICE. THEIR DECISIONS DETERMINE THE ROUTE OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL PILGRIMAGE ACROSS THE ENTIRE WORLD.
SO MANY WAYS, IT'S SAID THAT NO PILGRIM HAS EVER RETROD THE EXACT STOR--
ON THE GARGANTUAN WORLD OF LOBA, TRIBES LIVE AT EITHER END OF THE THOUSAND-MILE ACOUSTIC CANYONS. IT TAKES A HALF-YEAR FOR THE SONGS OF ONE TO REACH THE OTHER.

CHOIRS THE SIZE OF CITIES SERENADE ONE ANOTHER ACROSS SEASONS. PEACE AND JOY IS--
ACROSS MILLIONS OF YEARS, INIX WAS HAND-CARVED TO BE A SCULPTURE PLEASING TO ALL EYES, BEST VIEWED FROM ORBIT, WHERE--
SHEEKA GLIFF, THE SILVERED LAND, A CLOCKWORK PARADISE WHERE FILIGREE BIRDS SIP FROM PLATINUM BLOOMS AND--
ARCO PRIME, THE THEATER BIOME, WHERE EVERY CELL IS A STAGE, AND NANO-ACTORS PERFORM BENEATH EXPECTANT MICROSCOPES. THE--
SEE, MY LOVE?
ALL THAT ART.
IT FUELS MY GREATER WORK.
IT SHOWS WHAT ALL THIS ART TRULY IS...

...NAUGHT BUT A MOMENTARY, MEANINGLESS DISTRACTION.
SAY WHAT YOU LIKE, BUT HE'S GOT THE SOUL OF AN ARTIST.
SADLY, THE ARTIST'S THE MARQUIS DE SADE.

OH, YEAH, THIS ONE'S REALLY MESSED UP.
THE RANK AND FILE OF THE UNIVERSE WILL ALL KNOW THE NAME OF THANOS AND QUAKE IN FEAR OF MY COMING.
WHAT'S THIS? IT SHINES WITH... SO MUCH LIGHT?
IT SHINES WITH, WHAT, POWER? IT MAY BE WORTH INVESTIGATING.
WHAT ARE THESE...THESE PALTRY LITTLE THINGS?
WE ARE THE ADORALES!!!
LOVE
PUNY CREATURES. I AM THANOS. I AM A GOD AMONGST YOU.
poke
OH, BOY! A NEW GOD! YEAH!
hop
THAT'S EXCITING!
OOOOH. I LIKE NEW THINGS.
WHAT THE...


UH... RIGHT.
NOW... PRAY TO WHATEVER YOU WORSHIP THAT I MAY TAKE PITY ON--
OH! WE WORSHIP THE HEART!
hop
WAIT, THE HEART? AS IN... THE HEART OF... THE UNIVERSE? HERE?
WELL, IT'S THE HEART OF OUR UNIVERSE!
BRING ME THIS HEART IMMEDIATELY. IT MUST BE WHAT MAKES YOUR WORLD SHINE SO BRIGHT.
I'LL GO GET IT!
I THINK WE SHINE WITH LOVE.
AW, I THINK WE SHINE WITH WARM FUZZIES.
HOW DARE YOU TOUCH ME, YOU INFERIOR... THINGS. I'LL STRIKE YOU ALL DEAD IN A HEARTBEAT.
shake = off
OH! OH! MR. NEW GOD! IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT? US DEAD? WE CAN HELP!
HELPING IS FUN!
WHAT THE...
OH, ADORALES! OUR NEW GOD WANTS TO MURDER US! WHO'S FIRST?
OOH. ME! ME! I HAVE SO MUCH TO LIVE FOR! IT'LL MAKE MY DEATH MORE IMPACTFUL!
GOOD FOR YOU, DADDY!

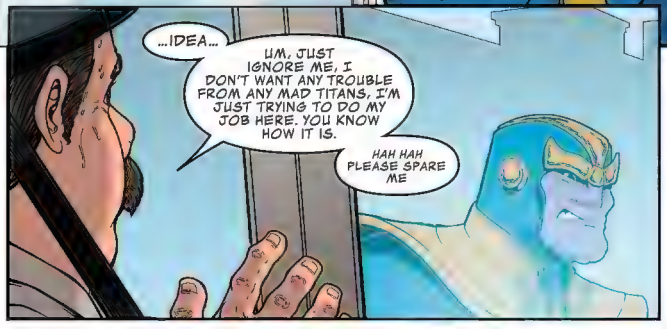

WOULD YOU LIKE EVERYONE IMPALED, NEW GOD?
OH, PEPPERMINT!
I WILL GLADLY RIP MY OWN SQUISHY WORKS OUT FOR YOU, NEW GOD!
RIIP
choke
GASP
NEW GOD, THIS IS MY BROTHER!
...YOU KNOW, THIS ISN'T REALLY AS FUN WHEN I'M NOT THE ONE DOING IT.

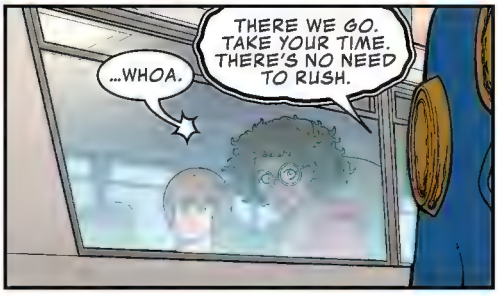
IT LOOKS LIKE I MISSED SOMETHING FUN! NEAT!
FINALLY.
GIVE ME THE HEART SO I CAN LEAVE THIS HORRIBLE PLACE.
THAT'S... WHAT YOU WORSHIP.
IT GETS BETTER!
twitch
SQUEEEEEEEEAAAAKKK
PUNCH
thank you!
LET US NEVER SPEAK OF THIS AGAIN.
SQUEAK
AW, NEW GOD LEFT. NOW WHAT?
OOOH, WE CAN HAVE A FUNERAL!
YEAH! MASS GRAVE! IT'S LIKE HUGGING!

I ALREADY TOLD YOU ABOUT HOW HE'S IN LOVE WITH DEATH, AND HOW FROM TIME TO TIME HE'S USED THE INFINITY GAUNTLET TO KILL HALF OF ALL LIFE EVERYWHERE.
HAPPENS TO THE BEST OF US.
BUT WHAT I DIDN'T TELL YOU WAS THAT NESTLED AMONG THE GEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE GAUNTLET, THERE'S THIS ONE GEM IN PARTICULAR: THE TIME GEM.
GREAT LITTLE THING.
LETS YOU SEE THROUGH TIME. REAL HANDY.
AND WITH IT, THANOS SAW SOMETHING...
...POTENTIAL.
NOT SOMETHING HE COULD USE RIGHT NOW, BUT SOMETHING HE WOULD WAIT FOR. SOMETHING TO SAVOR...
MY WORD, THESE CROSSWALKS SIMPLY DON'T GIVE YOU ENOUGH TIME TO GET ACROSS!
...UNTIL THE MOMENT WAS RIPE.
EXCUSE ME, MA'AM, BUT I COULDN'T HELP OVERHEARING.

...MAY I BE SO BOLD AS TO OFFER MY ASSISTANCE?
PENNY'S DINER
PRESENTING A STORY NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART! A TALE SO HORRIFYING, SO FRIGHTENING, SO PETRIFYING WITH TERROR, THAT IT COULD ONLY BE CALLED...
THAT TIME THANOS HELPED AN OLD LADY CROSS THE STREET!

PENNY
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, YOUNG MAN.
IT IS MY SINCEREST PLEASURE, MY DEAR.
SCREEEEECH
HEY, BUTTWIPE! WHAT'S THE BIG--


...IDEA...
UM, JUST IGNORE ME, I DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE FROM ANY MAD TITANS, I'M JUST TRYING TO DO MY JOB HERE. YOU KNOW HOW IT IS.
HAH HAH PLEASE SPARE ME


...WHOA.
THERE WE GO. TAKE YOUR TIME. THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH.

AND THAT WAS IT.
YOU'RE VERY KIND. WOULD YOU LIKE A MINT?
EVERYTHING HAD GONE EXACTLY AS HE'D PLANNED.
THANOS HAD SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED THE MOST CALLOUSLY EVIL ACT IN HIS LIFE...
YOU HOLD ON TO THOSE--I'M SURE YOUR HUSBAND WOULD WANT THEM MORE THAN I DO.
OH, GOODNESS ME NO, I NEVER MARRIED.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT. A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN LIKE YOURSELF?
OH, YOU FLIRT!
...AND HE DID IT RIGHT UNDER THE NOSE OF EVERY SUPER HERO PROTECTING EARTH.
HELL, HE HADN'T EVEN BROKEN ANY LAW.
THAT WOMAN ON THE BUS IS STEPHANIE KIRCHER. FUN FACT: SHE'S DESTINED TO CHANGE THE WORLD. SHE'LL CURE DISEASE, END HUNGER, STOP INEQUALITY. SHE'S GOING TO TURN EARTH INTO A PARADISE, AND FROM THERE, THE UNIVERSE.
AND IT ALL BEGINS TODAY, RIGHT NOW, WHEN SHE STEPS OFF THAT BUS...
...AND BUMPS INTO SUZANNE
BUT OF COURSE, STEPHANIE NEVER BUMPED INTO SUZANNE. THANOS HAD DELAYED THE BUS.
STEPHANIE KIRCHER NEVER BUMPED INTO ANYONE.

INSTEAD, SHE LIVED HER LIFE AS MOST HUMANS DO--IN MEDIOCRITY, DOGGED BY THE VAGUE BELIEF THAT SOMEHOW SHE WAS MEANT FOR BIGGER THINGS...
...WHICH, AS SHE GREW OLDER, TURNED INTO A SIMILARLY VAGUE DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THOSE BIGGER THINGS NEVER ENDED UP HAPPENING.
DISEASES NEVER GOT CURED. THE WORLD NEVER GOT BETTER.
AND DECADES LATER, WHEN SHE WAS JUST MINUTES AWAY FROM HER OWN DEATH, THANOS ENTERED STEPHANIE'S LIFE ONCE MORE.
HE GAVE HER A VISION.
BOOK SIGN!
UNIVERSAL PANACEA FOUND
WORLD PEACE AWARD
HE SHOWED HER WHAT SHE WAS MEANT TO BE--WHAT SHE WOULD'VE BEEN--SHOULD'VE BEEN--WITHOUT HIM.
IN HER LAST MOMENTS, SHE FINALLY SAW HOW THANOS HAD STOLEN HER LIFE FROM HER, AND GIVEN HER ASHES IN RETURN.
AND THEN SHE DIED.
AND THANOS FELL A LITTLE MORE IN LOVE WITH DEATH THAT DAY. BECAUSE NOT JUST PEOPLE CAN DIE. IDEAS CAN DIE. *FUTURES* CAN DIE.
BUT THE DEATH OF *HOPE* IS BY FAR THE SWEETEST.
EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!

I'VE LIVED A LONG TIME. AND I'VE SEEN A LOT.
I'VE SEEN HELL. AND I'VE SEEN HEAVEN, TOO. BUT...IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME. AND SOMETIMES... I WONDER...
...I'M GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF.
THE KEHLRASSIANS WERE A MINOR SENTIENT SPECIES, LIVING OFF AT THE EDGE OF THE GALAXY. OUT OF THE WAY.
NOT A HIGH-TECH PEOPLE--MORE AGRARIAN. FARMS AND COMMUNES. RELIGIOUS TYPES, YOU KNOW?
THEY HAD A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR CREATOR.
MY FRIENDS-- WE COME TOGETHER ON THIS SACRED DAY TO GIVE OUR THANKS TO THE ONE ABOVE.
FIRST-NAME TERMS, EVEN.
TO HALDUN.
TO HE WHO GAVE TO US ETERNAL LIFE.

FOR HAVE WE NOT BEEN PROMISED, IN THE SONGS OF OUR FATHERS?
DID HALDUN NOT SPEAK UNTO US DIRECTLY, WHEN VAIN KING PALOS PETITIONED HIM IN THE SECOND AGE?
IF WE ARE GOOD TO EACH OTHER. IF WE ARE KIND TO EACH OTHER.
IF, OVER THE COURSE OF OUR LIVES, WE DO MORE TO HELP THAN TO HARM....IF WE DO NOT SIN AGAINST ONE ANOTHER...
...OUR SOULS WILL RISE AGAIN.
FOR UPON DEATH, ALL THAT WE ARE IS SAVED--TO REST FOR A TIME IN SLEEP, IN HALDUN'S STORAGE--
--AND THEN SENT FORTH AGAIN, CLEANSED OF MEMORY, TO FIND NEW BODIES.
BUT THOSE WHO SIN MUST SLEEP THE SLEEP OF AEONS--UNTIL THEY MAY BE UNDERSTOOD AND HEALED.
SO LET US BE KIND, MY FRIENDS.
LET US BE GOOD, THAT WE MAY RETURN TO LIFE SOONER.
FOR THROUGH HALDUN'S LOVE, WE NEED FEAR NO DEATH. THERE IS NO DEATH.
THERE IS NO END--
WAS.
THERE WAS NO END.

THEY KNEW WHO HE WAS.
PRETTY MUCH EVERYONE DID.
TH-THANOS...?
YOU'RE RIGHT. HALDUN DID LOVE YOU.
YOUR SPECIES WAS A HOBBY FOR HIM--IMMORTALS NEED TO FILL THEIR TIME--BUT STILL, HE DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE ANY OF YOU.
SO HE MADE SURE YOUR ESSENTIAL SELVES WERE RETRIEVED AND STORED IF THE BODY FAILED--READY FOR RECORPORATION.
ANY HE FELT HAD BECOME CORRUPTED, HE KEPT FOR STUDY AND EVENTUAL REPAIR.
AS AFTERLIVES GO, IT WASN'T A BAD SYSTEM...
...WHILE IT LASTED...
WHAT...
WHAT DID YOU DO?

HE WAS RECORDING YOU ALL ON A QUANTUM SERVER. VERY ADVANCED--IT WOULD HAVE RUN UNTIL THE END OF TIME. BEYOND, PERHAPS.
I DESTROYED IT.
THEN I TORE OFF HIS HEAD AND BURNED HIS HEART.
SO. NOW, WHEN YOUR BODIES FAIL, YOU'LL JUST... SWITCH OFF.
AND THEN NOTHING.
NOTHING.
WHY? WHY DID YOU...WHY WOULD YOU...
WHY, THANOS?
...
I WAS CURIOUS.

"LET US BE GOOD, THAT WE MAY RETURN SOONER." YOUR WORDS.
ETERNAL LIFE AWAITS THE JUST.
BUT WHAT IF THERE IS NO ETERNAL LIFE?
I LEFT HALDUN'S CORPSE IN THE LANDS TO THE EAST. IF YOU WANT TO GO LOOK.
INCONTROVERTIBLE PROOF THAT YOUR GOD IS DEAD...THAT YOUR HEAVEN IS DESTROYED...
WILL YOU ALL BE GOOD, I WONDER?
NOW THAT IT'S ALL FOR NOTHING?
I...NO, IT'S--IT'S NOT--THIS DOESN'T... WE'RE STILL...
WE'RE STILL HERE. NOW.
WE'RE ALL HERE NOW.
SO WE HAVE TO TRY.
AAAHHHH!

AAAAAHHHH! I DON'T WANT TO DIE!
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BE-- BE CALM, FRIEND--
CALM? CALM?
I'LL GIVE YOU CALM--
"WE HAVE TO TRY." INTERESTING THEORY.
I'LL ENJOY SEEING HOW YOU ALL GET ON.
I'VE SEEN HELL, AND I'VE SEEN HEAVEN, TOO.
BUT IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME... AND SOMETIMES, I WONDER...
...IS HEAVEN STILL THERE?
ARE MY CHILDREN STILL THERE...?

HOO BOY. @#$%& YIKES, RIGHT?
UGH, MAN, I GOTTA TELL YA. I FEEL A LOT LIGHTER AFTER GETTIN' ALL THAT ROTTEN @#$% OFF MY CHEST.
WAIT. AH, DAMN. I'M SO RUDE. I NEVER ASKED YOU YOUR NAME...
...
I AM... ODIN.
OH, NO WAY! SO, WAIT... IS THIS...
YES. IF YOU ARE QUITE DONE TALKING... FOLLOW ME, FRANCIS CASTLE...
...WELCOME TO VALHALLA.
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